



Around the Well

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City Updates

Utility Bill Improvements Coming in March

Starting in March, your utility bill will have a new look as upgrades to the City's financial system take effect. The changes will allow City Staff to more efficiently and accurately handle payments and questions.

Seeking Volunteers

All the wonderful events we hold each year are made possible through the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in receiving more information volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Upcoming Events

City-wide Cleanup

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 am
Community Room

Lions and Lion-hearted Golf Tournament

Friday, March 30, 1:00 pm
The Creek at Hard Labor Golf Course

Taste of Social Circle

Friday, April 20th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Friendship Park

Downtown Draw Down Thru the Decades

Friday, May 4, 6:00pm
Standridge Conference/Banquet Room

City-wide Yard Sale

Saturday May 5

Lemonade Day and Farmer's Market

Sunday May 7
Friendship Park

To suggest a news topic, an update topic or to submit news items of community interest, please email aroundthewell@socialcirclega.com

Important Message from the City about Natural Gas Safety ~ Natural gas, America's most popular home heating fuel, is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources. In our community, City of Social Circle provides natural gas to more than 1100 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines, typically 2-inch in diameter, branch into household service lines which are typically half-inch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface.

To protect you and others in the community; federal and state government, along with your utility provider have made your safety a high priority. Any time you dig or move earth in any way, you are required to "Call Before You Dig" 48 hours before beginning any digging. When you call 811, they will contact utility owners who will locate all buried utility lines on your property, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous condition. Failure to use the 811 system is a known cause of pipeline accidents. Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake. For more information, see www.Georgia811.com, socialcirclega.gov or call City Hall at 770-464-2380.

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas. A chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. Some of the signs of a gas leak include seeing bubbling water, hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, dirt or dust blowing from the ground, or the smell of rotten eggs. If you smell gas, or just think you might be smelling gas, leave the area immediately and call your local gas provider at 770-464-2380 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches or use a flashlight or phone in the presence of the gas smell, because an electric spark could ignite the gas, causing an explosion. Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source! This message is brought to you by City of Social Circle as a public service. To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call 678-758-4256.

Social Circle Designated a Tree City USA for 16th Year ~ Our Arbor Day celebration, sponsored by the Social Circle Garden Clubs, was held at Gunter Hall on February 16. Mayor Hal Dally read the Arbor Day proclamation. We appreciate the dedication of the Garden Clubs, the volunteers who serve on the Tree Board, and residents who care for our urban forest, and beautify the City with their horticulture expertise.

Downtown News

New Restaurant Opening Soon ~ Buckeye's will be returning to Social Circle! They will be opening at their location on the corner of S Cherokee Rd and Sycamore Street. They plan to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner.

3rd Annual Taste of Social Circle ~ Join us Friday, April 20 from 6-10pm at Friendship Park for a night of good food, family fun, music and more. If you are interested in receiving more information about participating, donating, or volunteering, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Downtown Draw Down ~ Tickets go on sale soon for the Downtown Draw Down through the Decades. Join us Friday, May 4 wearing your best outfit from your favorite decade for a night of dancing and a chance to win up to \$5000. Tickets will be \$100 / couple and get you a chance to win the grand prize. Names will be drawn throughout the night and until 10 names remain. The remaining players can choose to split the pot or continue drawing. For information, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

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Community Calendar

Milkshake with a Cop ☺ Join us on Tuesday, March 13 from 6 - 7 pm at Hot Rod's Diner for Milkshake with a Cop. Come discuss concerns, ask questions and get to know your police officers. There will be no formal agenda, so come by when you can!

Everyone is Invited to Help Clean up Our City ☺ Please join us for our Spring Citywide Cleanup Saturday, March 24 at 8 a.m. in the Community Room in the Public Safety Building. Trash bags, gloves, vests and litter grabbers (on loan from Keep Walton Beautiful), biscuits and coffee are provided. Find out more at www.socialcirclega.gov.

Lions & the Lion-hearted Golf Tournament ☺ Meet us Friday, March 30 at the Hard Labor Creek Golf course for a round of golf that will benefit community activities for both organizations. Shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Can't play but still want to help? Consider sponsoring a hole. Contact Chief Oliver at toliver@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-2366.

Coffee with the City Manager and HPC, April 4 ☺ Stop by the City Hall conference room on Wednesday, April 4 any time between 8 am - 9 am, to visit with the City Manager and members of the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss any ideas or concerns you have about City business, historic preservation or just to chat.

Social Circle Business Coffee Call, April 5 ☺ Meet fellow business owners from Social Circle and share what your business can offer to the community at our next Coffee Call on Thursday, April 5 at 9:00 am at Church at the Grove at their new location behind Blue Willow Inn. For more information or if you are interested in hosting a Coffee Call, please contact Velinda Hardy at vhardy@socialcirclega.com or 770-464-1866.

Police Department News

Spring Citizen Police Academy Registration Open ☺ The Social Circle Police Department will hold their next Citizen Police Academy (CPA) starting April 3. The CPA will give citizens a hands-on look at the daily activities of our police officers. Applicants must be twenty-one (21) years of age and pass a background check. There is no charge for the course. Please contact Lt. Randy Downs: 770-464-2366, rdowns@socialcirclega.com.

School News

SCHS Army JROTC Honored ☺ On January 25, 6th Brigade of United States Army Cadet Command conducted an Accreditation Inspection and the Redskin Battalion unit received and 97.75% of 100 possible points and was recognized as an Honor unit of Distinction, the highest award given.

Ashley Clegg to Compete in the Jr Olympics in Riflery ☺ Ashley Clegg made the cut score for the Junior Olympics and is listed as one of three State Champions from Georgia who will receive an invitation to compete at the Colorado Spring Olympic training facility.

February Redskin Awards ☺ Social Circle City Schools presented their Redskin awards to the following students in their February School Board Meeting: Miguel Canelo, SCPS, Citizenship & Achievement; Mariah McGuire, SCES, Citizenship & Achievement; Taylor Favors, SCMS, Leadership & Achievement; Rissie Bolden, SCHS, Leadership & Achievement; Congratulations to these students for their achievements!

Star Student and Star Teacher Honored ☺ Congratulations to Star Student Ellis McGarity. He selected as his Star Teacher Mr. Claude Hames. The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia's highest achieving high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development.

City Calendar

Agendas for ALL meetings, regular and called, available on the city website socialcirclega.gov and at City Hall.

March 8	8:30 am	Downtown Development Authority (2nd Thu each month)	City Hall Conf Room
March 12	7:00 pm	Historic Preservation Commission (2nd Mon each month)	Community Room
March 13	8:00 am	Main Street Commission (2nd Tue each month)	City Hall Training Room
March 20	5:30 pm	Mayor and Council Work Session (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
March 20	6:30 pm	Mayor and Council Regular Meeting (3rd Tue each month)	Community Room
March 21	1:00 pm	Municipal Court (3rd Wed each month)	Community Room
March 22	6:00 pm	Tree Board (4th Thursday each month)	Community Room
March 26	6:00 pm	Planning/Corridor Commission (4th Mon each month)	Community Room
March 27	8:30 am	Social Circle Development Authority	City Hall Conf Room

Library Calendar of Events

Tales for Tots

Mondays, March 5 and 19
at 10:00 a.m.

Story Time with Renee Hanna

Wednesday, March 14
at 9:30 a.m.

Early Bird Book Club

Tuesday, March 27
at 10:30 a.m.

Library Hours

MWF 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Tu & Th 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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uncleremus.org/stanton
For more info call (770) 464-2444

Drive-thru window open:

Monday, March 19, 8:30 am - 12:00
and 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Siren Testing:

Wednesday, April 4, noon.

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